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14. (1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie in any court against any officer or servant of the Provincial Government or any person acting under his direction or adding or assisting him—

(*a*) for, or on account of, or in respect of, any sentence passed, or any act ordered or done by him, in exercise of any jurisdiction or power purporting to have been conferred on him by the said Act, or

(*b*) for carrying out any sentence passed by any court in exercise of any such jurisdiction or power as aforesaid.

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Provincial Government for, or on account of, or in respect of any act, matter or thing whatsoever purporting to have been done in pursuance of or under the said Act.

(3) Sub-sections (1) and (2) shall have effect although the said Act was not or might not have been in force at the relevant time.

epeals.

15. The Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1946, and the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Ordinance, 1949, are hereby repealed. Madras Act XVIII of 1946. Madras Ordinance VIII of 1949.

Appendix X.

[Vide item III (6) at page 659 supra.]

L.A. BILL No. 31 OF 1949.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill to provide for the regulation of the production, supply and distribution of jute goods in the Province of Madras.

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the regulation of the production, supply and distribution of jute goods in the Province of Madras; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

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1. (1) This Act may be called the Madras Jute Goods Control Act, 1949.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of Madras.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(*a*) "Controller" means the Jute Controller appointed by the Provincial Government under section 3;

(*b*) "jute goods" includes all jute manufactures.

Appointment of Controller.

3. The Provincial Government may, by notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, appoint any person to be the Jute Controller for the Province.

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4. (1) Subject to the control of the Provincial Government, the Controller, so far as it appears to him to be necessary or expedient for regulating, maintaining or increasing the production, supply or distribution of jute goods, may, by order in writing,— **Powers of Contoller to control production, supply and distribution of jute goods.**

(*a*) require any person holding a stock of jute goods to sell the whole or a specified part thereof at such prices and to such person (including the Central or Provincial Government) or in such circumstances as may be specified in the order;

(*b*) require any person engaged in the production of jute goods to comply with such directions as may be specified in the order as to the type, quality or quantity of the jute goods to be produced or delivered by him from time to time.

(2) Any person to whom an order is issued under sub-section (1) shall comply with such order, notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any contract or other instrument to which he is a party.

5. If any person contravenes any order issued to him by the Controller under section 4, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both. **Penalties.**

6. If the person contravening an order issued by the Controller under section 4 is a company or other body corporate, every director, manager, secretary or other officer or agent thereof shall, unless he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent such contravention, be deemed to be guilty of such contravention. **Offences by corporations.**

7. No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Act except on a report in writing of the facts constituting such offence made by the Controller. **Cognizance of offences.**

8. (1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person (including the Controller) for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of any order issued under section 4. **Protection of action taken under the Act.**

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Provincial Government, the Controller or any other person, in respect of any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of any order issued under section 4.

Madras Ordinance X of 1949. **9.** (1) The Madras Jute Goods Control Ordinance, 1949, is hereby repealed. **Repeal and saving.**

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, any notifications or orders issued, action taken, or thing done in the exercise of any power conferred by or under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been issued, taken or done in the exercise of the powers conferred by or under this Act as if this Act had come into force on the 5th day of November 1949.